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RE: USSN 09/839,796  
Attorney Docket Number 2000.552  
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Please find the following in regards to the above referenced application:

Response to Restriction Requirement issued February 12, 2002

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For: PESTIVIRUS MUTANTS AND VACCINES CONTAINING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231


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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement issued February 12, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, claims 15-24 and 35-47 drawn to the attenuated pestivirus and a vaccine. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement as it is believed that the method of attenuating to produce the claimed pestivirus should be examined in this application.

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